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**PETITION FOR REVIVAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR PATENT ABANDONED  
 UNINTENTIONALLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(b)**

Docket Number (Optional)

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First named inventor: Algirdas A. Underys

Application No.: 08/991,113

Group Art Unit: 1742

Filed: December 16, 1997

Examiner: Wyszomierski

Title: Heat Treatment  
 Method and Apparatus

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 action

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- (1) Petition fee;
- (2) Reply and/or issue fee;
- (3) Terminal disclaimer with disclaimer fee -- required for all utility and plant applications filed  
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- (4) Statement that the entire delay was unintentional.

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- ☐ has been filed previously on \_\_\_\_\_  
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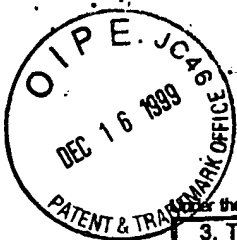
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### 4. Statement. (The entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the required reply until the filing of a grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional. Check box A, or check box B and/or C as applicable and include an explanation of the delay on a separate sheet or on supplemental sheet PTO/SB/64A.

- ☒ A This petition is filed within three months of the date the applicant was first notified, or otherwise became aware, that the application was abandoned and within one year of the date of abandonment of the application.
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☒ Reply

☐ Terminal Disclaimer Form

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